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(57) Abstract

Methods for increasing and maintaining hematocrit in a mammal comprising administering a hyperglycosylated analog of erythropoietin are disclosed. An analog may be administered less frequently than an equivalent molar amount of recombinant human erythropoietin to obtain a comparable target hematocrit and treat anemia. Alternatively, a lower molar amount of a hyperglycosylated analog may be administered to obtain a comparable target hematocrit and treat anemia. Also disclosed are new hyperglycosylated erythopoietin analogs, methods of production of the analogs, and compositions comprising the analogs.

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Claims Nos.: 1, 7, 33, 35

Present claims 1 and 33 on one hand and 7 and 35 on the other hand relate to the administration of compounds caracterised (inter alia) by reference to the frequency and dose of administration, respectively. In this context, the wordings "less frequently" and "lower molar amount" with reference to prior art recombinant human EPO were not considered clear within the meaning of Article 6 PCT. Consequently, with respect to claims 2, 8, 34, 36 and line 14, page 4 of the description, the search has been restricted to "two times a week or less" (claim 1) or "one time a week or less" (claim 33) and "total molar amount of less than of 4.5 mug/kg/week or 150 units/kg/week" (claims 7, 35), respectively.

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